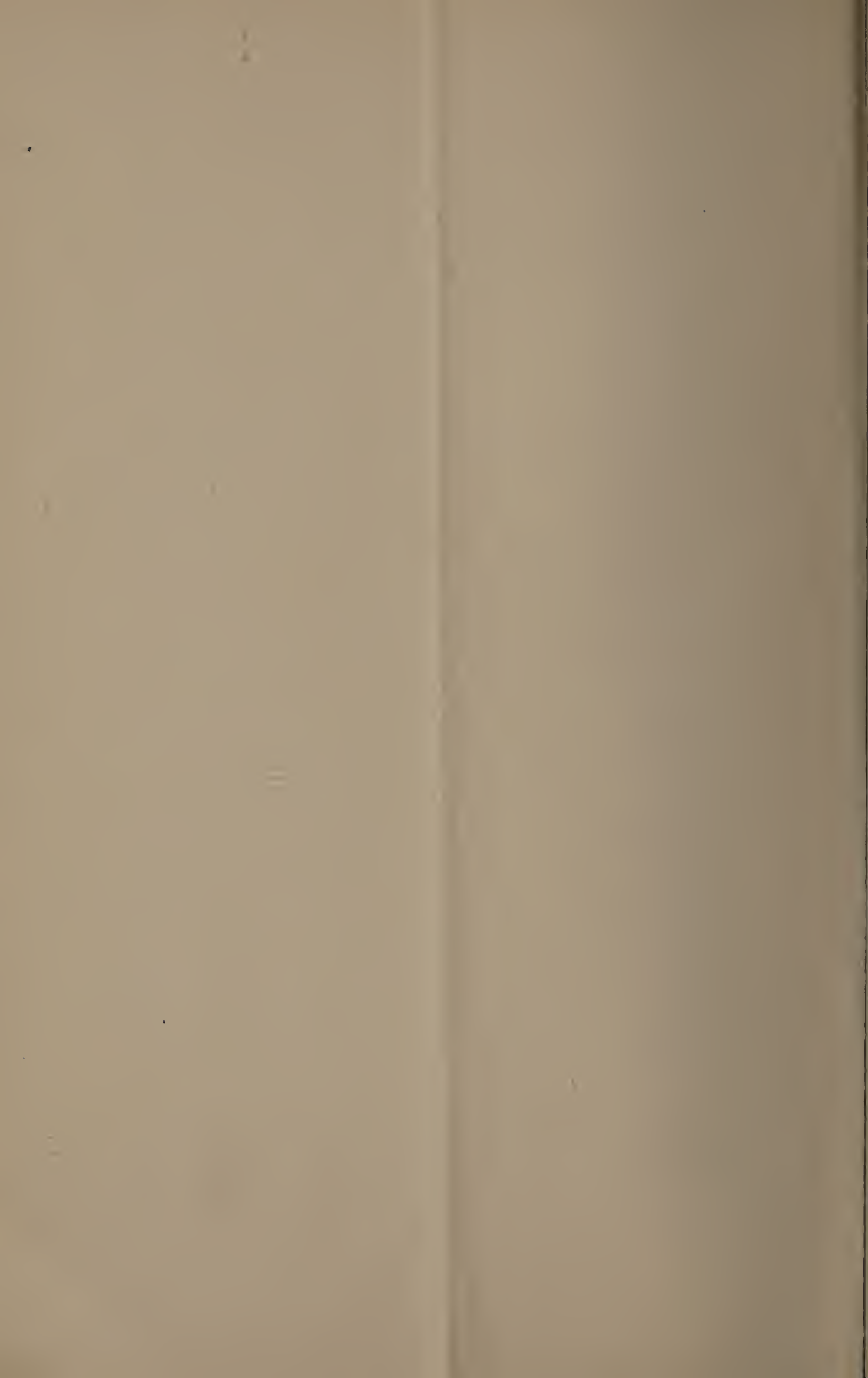


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OF THE
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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SPECIAL.

I would say for the information of friends of the Homes, and the public generally, so that they may not be deceived, that there is no PROVIDENT WOOD YARD in this city. This institution is doing the work it used to do, and is the only Home in the city whose object it is to provide a place with its comforts for the destitute and unemployed, by the sale of Wood and Coal,—the inmates receiving the profits from the sale of the same. To promote this object we ask your patronage, and guarantee full weight and measure.

THOS. D. ROBERTS,

Superintendent.

See page 3 of cover for all kinds of Wood and Coal sold.

THE BOSTON INDUSTRIAL HOME

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"SOME MOTHER'S BOY."

Some Mother's Boy; who can it be?
So hungry, so weary, and sad;
The night is so dark, so wet, and cold,
And he is so poorly clad.

Some Mother's Boy; who can it be?
Away from home and care;
He wanders about the streets all night,
His poor heart filled with despair.

Some Mother's Boy; who can it be?
His manner and actions betray
That there was a time in his life
When he was taught to pray.

Some Mother's Boy; who can it be?
His eyes were filled with tears
At the message of peace, spoken in love,
Which he had not heard for years.

Some Mother's Boy; who can it be?
So helpless, friendless, and alone.
His story was told, as his life was unrolled,
When he entered the "Industrial Home."

Some Mother's Boy; who can it be?
So noble, so happy is he;
He once was lost, but now is found,
Was bound, but now set free.

This Mother's Boy is saved to-night:
Others, who like he,
Are lifting their hands for help,
Crying, Save me, save me!

Then help us, friends, the hand to lend,
That they may rescued be;
When our race is run, our work is done,
That we all may rest in eternity.

T. D. ROBERTS.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

IN issuing this our fifteenth annual report we do so with a grateful acknowledgment to our Heavenly Father for the prosperity and success which have attended our efforts thus far.

During the time this Home has been in existence it has been an active agent in accomplishing the work for which it was originally designed, and its practical nature as a public benefaction becomes more apparent.

RESULT AIMED AT.

The great result we aim at is to help our fallen brother and sister to rise, and by infusing into them new desires and aspiration after a higher and nobler life, which by the blessing of God will help them to become new creatures in Christ Jesus.

ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE WORK.

We are encouraged to toil on for the salvation of those unfortunates when we look back over the past year and see the many cases which to the human eye were apparently lost, but whom God by his wonderful love and mercy has saved, and all to-day returned to their families, happy husbands and parents, dutiful sons and daughters, useful and honored citizens. There are some churches in this city who hardly ever admit new members to their communion, but what there is some representative who has been saved in our Home among the number.

A LETTER, ETC.

A dear brother who for years, on account of his love for strong drink was separated from his wife and children, and has spent a fortune, writes us as follows: "I wish to thank you, who under God, has been the means of rescuing me from my downward course, and putting my feet upon a sure and solid foundation. Through your endeavors in behalf of my physical as well as my spiritual welfare I have regained my lost manhood and self-respect, and I am now able to rejoin my family at Christmas, for the first time in six years, a thoroughly sober man, and I hope a Christian one. Pray for me that I may continue steadfast." This extract from the letter of this brother is only an expression of hundreds of others, had we the time and space to write them. But one more will suffice to show that these men appreciate what has been done for them.

This letter is from a young man who is at present in Philadelphia, and who knows the awful reality that "the way of the transgressor is hard," and no doubt his sinful life cost him the use of one leg. The following was written after his leg was amputated, and we have sent him to his home in Philadelphia. He says:—

I am glad to be able to write that I continue to improve, and hope in a short time to be able to go to work. I shall be able to get around quite nicely, although the loss of my leg is a great affliction to me. I can now see God's hand in it. When I went into the hospital I did not have a friend in the world. As I lay there, words and songs I had heard in the chapel the winter before came up before me. And the words I listened to were the means of bringing me to Christ, as they showed to me that a soul, though it had gone as far astray as even I had, could be saved. Although the future looked dark, He (Christ) has brightened it up. I am now united with my family, and my wife will be with

me again. When I am well enough to go to business, I know He will open up the way for me. You do not know how much happier I feel; remember me in your prayers. I have a great feeling for your Home, as it was there I first got my eyes open.

I remain,

Your sincere friend in Christ.

A man three nights and days in a garret, without food or fuel, or any one to speak a kind word, suffering with inflammatory rheumatism.

The young man referred to above was a man whose uncle is a professor in one of the largest universities in America; he owned and managed a large business involving \$500,000, and had hundreds in his employ. Appetite for strong drink caused his ruin. He came to the Home, and by the grace of God is saved over a year, and is now happily united with his family, and in business again.

THE HOME A GREAT FOREIGN MISSIONARY AGENCY.

A man who came to the Home with a broken arm, and was so despondent he was about to commit suicide. But after Jesus saved this man at the Home he secured a position as cook on a ship; while in the harbor of Valparaiso he went ashore, and attended a mission meeting. When the ship returned to Boston this young man, giving his testimony in our chapel, said on the night he visited the mission in Valparaiso there were no less than five different men who, in the course of their testimony, said they thank God for this Home, for they were saved in the Industrial Home on Davis Street, Boston. We shall never know until the books are opened in eternity how many have been benefited and helped to a better life who have passed through our doors.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES L. PITKIN.

We are called upon for the first time in many years to record the death of a very dear friend and member of the Board of Corporate Members,—Mr. Charles L. Pitkin. This whole city has sustained a very great loss in the death of this dear friend; but no one could possibly feel the loss more keenly than did the Superintendent and Matron of this Home. Not only did he again and again speak words of wisdom and encouragement to the inmates of this Home, but his heart and hand was always open to the needs of the unfortunate in whom he took such a deep interest, and who remember him with gratitude and loving affection.

Well done, good and faithful one!
 Thy race is won, thy work is done,
 Thy crown thou hast received;
 And in heaven above, with those you love,
 Thou art singing thy Redeemer's praise.

I wish to acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered by my worthy assistant, Mr. Oliver C. Elliot; also all the other employees of the Home; and to the pastors and deacons of the First Baptist Church, Commonwealth Avenue, for the use of their church for our anniversary meeting; also the Boston Land Co., through Mr. J. T. Whitman, who gave us permission to pitch our tents on their ground at Beachmont. We are also under many obligations to the many friends who have assisted us other ways. And special mention should be made in reference to Mr. Dwight Smith, who has so ably superintended the Sunday school the past two years; and the faithful teachers who took such an interest in the welfare of the little children of the Mission School, among whom were Miss Grace C. Arnold, also Misses M. M. Roberts, Florence E. Archer, May Horton, H. Thornton Blossom

McQarrie, and Messrs. Claud Fisher, A. W. Bullard, M. Brennan, Frank Brennan, and the Albee Orchestra, and others who have helped to make so many evenings pleasant for the inmates by the sweet music which they have rendered for their benefit; also the W. C. T. U., and each member of the Board.

On account of the change of name, which was done last year, the two institutions known as the BOSTON INDUSTRIAL and APPLETON TEMPORARY HOMES were consolidated by an act of Legislature, and which are now known as the BOSTON INDUSTRIAL HOME.

ALTERING BUILDINGS.

The regular Annual Report was postponed for three months; hence this report covers a period of fifteen months. We are at present making many extensive alterations and additions to our old buildings at a cost of about \$6,000, which when complete together will help us to meet the great and growing demand made upon us, and afford us better facilities in our work, which is very much needed, as we have been so hampered in our work in the past for want of room.

A PIONEER MISSION HOME.

The Home is the pioneer in this particular work, and is being patterned after as a model both in this country and England. It has been the privilege of the Superintendent, in response to invitations from Rev. B. Fay Mills and from hundreds of clergymen and churches, to visit and explain the workings of the Home to representatives of twenty-two states and territories, San Francisco being the most distant point reached, where we helped establish a similar Home, also one at Omaha, Neb., as well as in other cities. So the cry goes up all

over the land, We want a mission which will not only try to save the soul, but will teach men and women self-respect, by furnishing them means by which they can help themselves to care for both body and soul.

THE OBJECT OF THE HOME.

It is not merely to provide a home for the homeless, clothes for the naked, food for the hungry, but the promotion of whatever tends to the permanent improvement of the condition of the individual. Our tickets sold (eight for a dollar), one of which entitles the holder to a meal or lodging, prevents indiscriminate and duplicate giving. We have made employment the basis of relief; by so doing we believe we have reduced vagrancy and pauperism. Therefore, instead of giving blindly, refer all cases to us, and we will report promptly. Tickets will be sent to any address on request.

RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.

Seven hundred and thirty meetings have been held. The mission Sunday school has been held every Sabbath excepting the month of August. The Bible class, one of the most encouraging features of our work, has been held every Sunday at 2.30 P. M., with most gratifying results. Every noon all the inmates gather for prayer and conference, which is usually led by a young convert. This meeting is a source of great strength and encouragement to help the men to resist temptation.

The meeting on Tuesday night was formerly in charge of the W. C. T. U. ; but now the students from Dr. Gordon's Missionary Training School have charge of the meeting, and the students have done good and effective work among the inmates.

The Thursday and Sunday, as well as the Tuesday night meetings, when the public are invited, are meetings of unusual power and profit. Hundreds of the poor unfortunates have sought forgiveness of their sins in our chapel, being the first time they have been inside of a place of worship for as many as fifteen years. Three hundred and fifty-seven have signed the pledge, and have taken a bold stand for Christ and his cause.

THE SEWING SCHOOL,

during the time it was in session, made up into useful garments six hundred yards of sewing material.

THE FLOWER MISSION

has done good service in distributing the flowers sent to us from the country.

THE TENTS AT BEACHMONT

were a great blessing to the scores whom we were privileged to send there. About two hundred children and sick persons were sent to the country and seashore, and for carriage rides, for which we are indebted to members of the Board, Rev. D. W. Waldron, West End Railroad Co., and Young Men's Christian Union.

THE SICK AND UNFORTUNATE SENT TO THEIR HOMES.

Two hundred and eighty-nine dollars and sixty-nine cents have been expended on sending the sick and unemployed to their homes, who otherwise would have been a source of great expense to the kindly disposed people of this city.

MEDICAL SERVICES, ETC.

Medical attention has been given, and forty dollars and thirteen cents has been expended for medicine, etc., not only for the inmates, but for poor families in the community. It is not our custom to admit women about to become mothers; but when a poor soul comes to us homeless and friendless, deserted by the man who has accomplished her ruin, we admit them until such time is proper to send them to the hospital. In two instances, when there was not time to send the mother to the McLean Hospital, the babies were born in the Home. Mrs. Roberts is constantly in receipt of letters from those of her own sex, appreciative of the kindness shown them, from many who were friendless and homeless in this great city, and whom she has helped to obtain employment, etc. We have furnished nurses when necessary, as well as a physician and medicine, to any poor in the vicinity of the Home who are unable to pay for such services.

MEALS AND LODGINGS.

The total number of meals supplied in both departments were 47,273; of this number, 11,081 were served in the women's department.

Total number of beds furnished were 27,647; of this number, 5,129 were in the women's department.

CLOTHES, BOOTS, ETC., GIVEN AWAY.

Hundreds of suits of clothes, boots, shoes, hats, etc., have been distributed to those destitute of such. Large numbers were furnished with special dinner on Thanksgiving and Christmas; also Christmas presents for the inmates, as well as the children of the Mission Sunday School.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

The total amount received from the sale of coal and wood, etc., from Sept. 30, 1891, to Dec. 31, 1892 (fifteen months inclusive), was as follows:—

Coal	\$26,844.65
Wood	10,928.56
Beds	1,652.81
Meals	697.33
Cash donations	387.16
Tickets	9.25

Sixteen thousand and forty days' work have been furnished to the unemployed in both departments. This includes work done in and outside the Home. It is wonderful, when you consider that all the alterations made in our buildings are done by the inmates, among whom are some of the best mechanics possible to be found anywhere, as the tabulated figures in this report will show, which was taken from our register book for one night.

The following tables, as taken from our book, will give you an idea as to the age, nativity, trades, etc., of those who apply to us for assistance in one night:—

AGE.

Youngest	16	Oldest	58
Average age	37		

NATIVITY.

America	26	Canada	6
Scotland	3	Ireland	11
England	4	Germany	1

TRADES AND PROFESSIONS.

Plumbers	2	Bakers	1
Shoemakers	3	Carbon Worker	1
Confectioners	2	Laborers	9

Waiters	1	Bricklayers	3
Painters	7	Clerks	3
Coopers	1	Teamsters	2
Electrician	1	Bookbinder	1
Firemen	2	Machinists	3
Carpenters	3	Polisher	1
Gardeners	2	Carriage Trimmer	1
Steward	1	Canvasser	1
Cook	1	Bookkeeper	1

RELIGION.

Protestants	31	Catholics	21
Married	11	Unmarried	40

Number of women in Women's Department for one night :—

Total number, 16; average age, 42 years. Nativity: Ireland, 9; American, 5; Canada and Provinces, 2. Occupation, 2 cooks, 3 laundresses, 5 general housework. Religion, Protestants, 8; Catholics, 8. In addition there are two children. Quite frequently we have not only physicians and lawyers, but ministers, for the same cause as others, ask our assistance.

CONCLUSION.

Let me say in conclusion, the sympathy, prayers, and hearty co-operation which we have received from our many friends, together with the many souls which we believe have been saved to a Christian life, and the homes that have been made happy, encourage us to a more patient continuance in the work of the Master than ever before.

T. D. ROBERTS,
Superintendent.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The President is pleased to report that the work of the Boston Industrial Home has progressed very satisfactorily during the year.

The steady increase of the business, the employment of the homeless, the faithful and persevering labor in reforming and restoring the outcast and lost, have more than justified the expenditure of the time and pains which the Trustees of the Home have devoted to its care.

The work of the Home is commended to the public with reassured confidence and satisfaction.

A. J. GORDON,
President.

DR. *The Boston Industrial Home*

September 30, 1891, to

Balance brought forward	\$1,711.09
Interest from all sources	1,568.62
Outstanding bills	309 69
Donations, collections from Church, etc.	510.82
Beds	1,652.81
Meals	697.33
Tickets	9.25
T. D. Roberts, Superintendent	38,691.17

\$45,150.78

in account with Matthew Cheney, Treas. CR.

December 31, 1892.

Coal	\$21,592.79
Wood	4,056.23
Hay and grain	792.18
Groceries and provisions	3,088.99
Superintendent, Matron and Assistants' salaries	2,198.85
Cash to the unemployed	4,177.53
Gas	154.18
Insurance	113 15
Freight, teaming, and horseshoeing	609.82
Postage, car fares, etc.	135.69
Two horses	258.00
One wagon, repairs, etc.	387.41
On account new property	450.00
Printing, incidentals, sundries, etc.	998.32
Telephone on account	25.00
Cash to meet outstanding accounts	4,358.92
Balance carried forward to meet current expenses	1,753.72
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	\$45,150.78

Boston, January 16, 1893.

I have examined the accounts of Matthew Cheney, Treasurer, of the Boston Industrial Temporary Home, The Appleton Temporary Home, and The Boston Industrial Home, from October 1, 1891, to January 1, 1893, and find the same correctly cast, and have seen that all the receipts stated therein have been properly credited, and that all payments have been duly charged and properly vouched, showing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$1,753.72.

LEANDER BEAL, *Auditor*

EXERCISES AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

ADDRESS BY REV. P. S. MOXOM.

I SHOULD like to say two things before I begin to speak about the Home. They were suggested by what has been said to-night. The first is about that confederation or corporation of tramps,—the men who have us all catalogued, with a description of the particular side on which we are susceptible,—and I have been wondering how they have got me described, for I have observed, in the last few years in Boston, that they try every kind of appeal, and fetch me every time. I suspect there are a good many others who have the same experience. The professional tramp is an evil product of a state of things which is being attacked by just such organizations as this Home. And the man who has got that far is more to be pitied than the man in the gutter, because he has utterly abrogated his manhood; he has made a business of his shame. He has not simply thrown up the sponge, but he has degenerated into a sponge.

Secondly, I would say a word with reference to the cheap lodging house that is run for money, where a man gets a “spot” for a cent in a damp cellar, or a place on a plank resting on two chairs, or on a beam, for two cents or three. (I know of a place where the spot costs five and the plank seven cents.) These institutions are not charitable but are run for money, and they perpetuate the evil which they manifest. The cheap lodging house in our cities is one of the menaces of our civilization. It is the place where unthrift, and mendicancy, and drunken-

ness, and knavery, and crime congest, to become a poison-distributing center. Anything that will attack that should have the support of everybody.

And now a few words about the Industrial Home, in which I am very much interested. The work which this Home is doing commends itself to me, in the first place, because it is Christian. It is Christian as to its motive. What do you suppose Mr. Roberts gives himself to this life for? It is not a very easy thing. One of the most difficult things a man or a woman can do is to go into work which brings one in contact with the dark side of life. It makes cynics of some people; it destroys their faith in humanity or in God; it hurts and sickens, or it hardens a man unless he has got a mighty force of love, and sympathy, and faith in him. Why do you suppose Mr. Roberts is in this work? Do you think a man of his energy and his capacity would not do a great deal better for himself in any business he might take up? A good woman was gossiping about her minister to some one. "The Lord didn't receive any salary; I don't see why he should," she said. A gentleman overhearing the remark, said, "Why, that man is giving twenty thousand dollars a year to the church." Well, she was astonished, of course, and begged an explanation. "Why, that man and I were classmates," returned the gentleman. "I knew him very well. I know that he had fully as much capacity as I have; he was quite as good a student, and I have given myself to business, for which he was just as well adapted as I was. I am making twenty-five thousand dollars a year, and he is making five thousand dollars, a good part of which he is giving away." When you are asked to give money for this Home, remember that the man who makes the Home what it is, is giving a great deal more than any other man is giving, even if

he gives thousands. It is simply just to remember this—that it is the Christian motive that impels him to this work. It is the Christian motive at the bottom of this enterprise.

And what that means is, that there is in this work such a recognition of the fundamental worth of a human soul as Christ has taught us to make. There is a man—poor, wretched, ragged, dirty, miserable. He has lost his grip. He has fallen down so low that he thinks it is no use to get up. He has lost his courage. But there is a man there, there are possibilities of eternal life there, there are possibilities of all that is good there; and if the spirit that recognizes the possibilities in that man is the spirit which animates this work, then it is Christian through and through.

In the second place, it meets the emergency. It takes the man when he is at the last gasp; he doesn't know which way to turn; and it sets him on his feet, it gives him a new chance, it puts a new impulse in him. It holds him still, perhaps, until the forces within him can strengthen, until he can begin to move.

And then it puts men (and I think this is one of the most important features), it puts men in gear again with society. You know many find fault with the economic order of the present, and they find fault with it because their eyes have been opened by experience and study to wish for something better and to think of something better. It doesn't mean that society is going down hill, but up hill, and by and by social order will be better than it is to-day. There is no question but there is a good deal of waste and loss in society because of our imperfect organization. But leaving this aside, when a man gets to a certain position he gets out of gear with society, and what is he going to do? He has no work

and he loses his courage ; he becomes a dead beat and a tramp ; he joins the forces of those who live as sponges, or he puts an end to the whole thing. This organization takes that man up, gives him something to do, stiffens up his manhood, heartens him with a good meal and a good night's rest, and as quickly as possible puts him in gear. It gives him work ; it may be very humble work, but the result is something—he gets a footing. There isn't a man living who can't get up if he will, if he has heart. To lose that is to lose the secret of life. A little boy who was running along the street on an icy day ran against a man, and, as he did so, he slipped and fell flat. The man said to him "What are you going to do?" "I am going to get up," was the reply. But when a man gets where he can't even say that, then this Institution, this man and his wife, take care of him till he can say it.

It develops self-help ; not merely industrial self-help, but moral self-help. When a man feels that he has something in him worth striving for, that there is a loving Jesus Christ in this world, and that he has a good many representatives here,—when he gets there, when he begins to feel the stirrings of a better life in himself and begins to work it out, then that man is on the up-grade, and he is likely to go. The one thing you can teach multitudes is the lesson of self-help ; and any institution that takes men when they are down and gives them that direction, ought to be supported to the utmost limit of its needs and claims.

And, finally, it is wise. It is wise as they are wise who win souls for Christ. It is wise because it is a work of salvation. But now I am looking from the economic side. When they have lost the will and the power to help themselves, when they have got out of gear with society, then they are first-rate material for the dangerous

class of dynamiters, and there is where is bred the bad mind and the bad heart that make an enemy to all social organizations. And if it were not that men lose to a large extent even the energy to do desperate evil when once they get there, it would be more perilous than it is. But it is perilous enough. It is a wise work of our country to get hold of men and put them on their feet.

This is the work the Industrial Home is doing; this is the work Brother Roberts is carrying on, for which he is asking money. The work is largely self-supporting, but they do need means. They want to enlarge their work. It is growing every year, and it is growing because of the wisdom, and energy, and sacrifice that are put into it, and that make it pay for itself almost. Will you help them to do the work more thoroughly, to enlarge this life-saving station down among the shoals and reefs, where many a wreck is found bleaching on the rocks?

Let us engage in the active worship of giving the sinews of war that this work may go on.

PRAYER BY REV P. S. MOXOM.

We thank thee, our Heavenly Father, that thou hast given to many people the spirit of Christ, that urges them forth to seek and to save the lost. We thank thee that thou hast raised up men and women in this city who, with devotion, have given themselves to patient service through long years on behalf of the poor, and the wretched, and the lost. We thank thee for the glorious history, written and unwritten, which has been made by these workers.

We thank thee that the love of God is as free as the sunlight. We thank thee that there is help for the most despondent, that there is salvation for the lost. We

thank thee for the tokens that have come, as the days have gone by, of the good that has been accomplished; that men and women have been lifted out of their hopelessness and misery, set upon their feet, clothed, mentally and morally, anew, and brought into new life. We thank thee that many have been saved from the frightful waste and loss of sin.

We pray that thou wilt enrich with thy grace these dear souls who, as the servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, have committed themselves—have given their minds, their possessions, their time, and their strength—to the service of their fellow-men.

We thank thee for this Institution and this Society, these combined Societies, which have wrought together to bring light into dark places, hope into despairing hearts; to set the hands at wholesome work; to awaken the dormant or crushed spirit of manhood or womanhood; and to convince those who are down that there is help for them. We thank thee that through this ministry many have been lifted up to joy, and strength, and courage. We pray that this work may be prospered, may be broadened.

We pray thee that thou wilt bless this brother, the Superintendent. Thou hast blessed him abundantly, called him to be a leader and organizer in this work, given him great joy in it, strengthened his hands, preserved his health. Wilt thou keep him in mind, and body, and estate, that through many years he may see the process by which society is transformed at its bottom by the love of Christ, and men emancipated from the bondage of vice and hopelessness.

O God, may thy kingdom come, thy kingdom of love and grace; and may thy will be done in all the earth as it is in heaven!

Wilt thou bless him who shall preside to-night, those who hear, those who take part, those who sing; and may all things—the music, and the speech, and the thought—combine in one earnest endeavor to realize larger results in this beneficent work. May we be led to give of our time, our thought, our labor, and our means, that Christ may be glorified, and that man may be saved.

And we ask all in the blessed name of Him who loved us, and gave himself for us. Amen.

The following letters of regret from the Governor and Mayor will explain themselves :—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MR. T. D. ROBERTS,

Superintendent Boston Industrial and Appleton Temporary Homes, Boston, Mass.:

My dear Sir,—I have received your very kind invitation to attend the public meeting in aid of your Homes on Sunday evening.

The object of that meeting is so worthy and commendable, and I have such thorough sympathy with the splendid work that you are doing, that I am anxious to aid it in every way possible. But with the pressure of work upon me, both day and night, I find it absolutely necessary to adhere to the rule I have made to keep Sunday at home as a day of rest, especially as sickness in my own household requires my presence there whenever possible.

With great regret, therefore, I find I am unable to attend your meeting. Permit me, therefore, to express my earnest sympathy with it, to wish that success may attend it, and that God's blessing may rest upon the noble work in which you are engaged.

Yours very truly,

WM. E. RUSSELL.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

REV. A. J. GORDON, D.D.,

President Boston Industrial Temporary Home :

Dear Sir,—I very much regret that my absence from the city will prevent my being present at your Fifteenth Annual Meeting.

I heartily approve of the good work your association is doing, and wish you every success in it.

Yours very truly,

N. MATTHEWS, JR., *Mayor.*

CASH DONATIONS

Aspinwall, Mrs. Wm.	\$1 00	Hamlin, E. S.	\$30 00
Anonymous	1 00	Ireland & Co.	1 00
Adams, A. J.	2 00	Johnson, S.	10 00
Breed, W. H.	1 00	King & Merrill	2 50
Beal, Leander	10 00	Lane, Hon. J. A.	14 00
Berkeley Temple, Y. P.		Miner, Geo. A.	25 00
S. C. E.	4 00	Myers, Mrs.	15 00
Buck, C. H.	1 00	Newell, J. W.	1 00
Brown, S. N.	15 00	Palmer, E. H.	5 00
Cohen, Miss	1 00	Paine, R. T.	10 00
Clement, Mrs. A. M.	5 00	Pitkin, H. W.	2 00
Coolidge, Mrs. T. J.	15 00	Paine, Jas. E.	2 00
Dutton, Andrew	1 00	Quincy, Geo. H.	20 00
Darling, H. J.	5 50	Richter, G. H.	1 00
Easton, D. M.	1 00	Reynolds, J. A.	50 00
Ellis, F. O.	1 00	Ryder, J. H.	3 00
Edwards, Tay	5 00	Sister Mary Louisa	1 00
French, J. D. W.	10 00	Spaulding, J. V.	3 00
Frothingham, W. B.	20 00	Sargent, Mrs. L.	20 00
Green, H. H.	4 00	Sears, Mrs F.	10 00
Gay, Albert	5 00	Stevens, Mrs.	10 00
Grant, S. M.	2 00	Sanborn, Mr.	1 00
Hyde, Wheeler & Co.	1 00	Sherman, W. L. & Co.,	1 00
Houghton & Dutton	5 00	Taylor, Mr.	50
Hatch, Miss	1 00	Vose & Sons	2 00
Hooper, R. C.	10 00	Vaille, W. H.	1 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Collection First Baptist		Fred. G. Robers, Enter-	
Ch., Boston	\$33 00	tainment	\$5 00
Baptist Ch., Lynn, ser-		Franklin Baptist Ch.,	
vices of Supt.	49 06	services of Supt.	29 37
Dizer, M. C., services of		Scotch Charitable Soc.,	2 00
Supt., Weymouth Ch.,	10 00	Change from paid bills,	2 73

DONATIONS OF MERCHANDISE.

Anonymous	lot clothing.
Atwood, G. E.	2 horse blankets.
Allen, Mr.	coffee.
Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.	coffee.
Anonymous	2 lots clothing.
Adams, Mrs.	1 doz. sheets, 1 piece cotton, bundle remnants.
Abbot, Mrs.	1 bedstead.
Andred, J. A. & Co.	tea.
Brine, W. H.	Christmas toys (2 lots).
Baker, W. & Co.	chocolate (2 lots).
Bassett, Mr.	clothing, toys, etc.
Breed, W. H.	turkey, clothing, etc.
Bryden, J. & Co.	2 turkeys, basket peaches.
Burditt, J. R.	clothing.
Burditt & Williams	brass rods.
Barlow, F.	2 bales cotton batting.
Brooks, L. B.	1 piece cotton, order books, clothing, etc.
Belcher, Mr.	1 piece cotton.
Batchelder, F.	4 tubs lard.
Brooks, W. P.	ice chest.
Brown, S. N.	clothing.
Badger, S. A.	clothing (2 lots).
Bird, J. A. & W. & Co.	paint.
Babbitt, Mr.	box washing powder.
Blanchard, Mrs.	Christmas toys, etc.
Burnett, J. & Co.	lot of flavoring.
Boyde, Leeds & Co.	sugar, pepper, etc.
Brown, H. S. & Co.	coffee.
Brown, J. D.	oranges for Christmas.
Brainard, Mrs.	clothing.
Blanchard, S. S.	1 picture.
Bassett, Mrs.	clothing.

Bent, G. W.	. . . . .	excelsior.
Bates & Ordway	. . . . .	1 pair axles.
Bradlee, Hastings & Co.	. . . . .	1 pair springs.
Bates, Miss	. . . . .	clothing.
Bethany Home :	. . . . .	2 lots books and 2 quilts.
Brooks, Mrs. L. L.	. . . . .	clothing.
Badger, C. W.	. . . . .	hard oil finish.
B. Y. M. C. Union	. . . . .	5 tickets for carriage ride.
Baptist Church, Franklin, Mass.	. . . . .	flowers.
Cornelius, J. E.	. . . . .	clothing.
Chicago Varnish Co.	. . . . .	varnish.
Carter, Carter & Kilham	. . . . .	disinfectant.
Chapin, Mr.	. . . . .	remnants.
Cohen, Miss	. . . . .	1 piece lining.
Cobb, Aldrich & Co.	. . . . .	box candy.
Cobb, Bates & Yerxa	. . . . .	box candy (2 lots).
Crosby, H. C.	. . . . .	soapine.
Capin, W. B.	. . . . .	1 piece crash, carpets, remnants.
Carlton, Miss Grace	. . . . .	clothing.
Clark, E. E.	. . . . .	Blue Book.
Coolidge, H. F.	. . . . .	clothing.
Cheney, Matthew	. . . . .	clothing.
Curtis, Mrs. N.	. . . . .	clothing.
Cheney, Mrs.	. . . . .	clothing.
Clark & Brown	. . . . .	flyers.
Clement, Mrs. :	. . . . .	clothing, candy.
Chicago Oil Co.	. . . . .	hard oil finish.
Chessman, W. H.	. . . . .	potash.
Carter, Rice & Co.	. . . . .	paper.
Clark, Mrs. S. H.	. . . . .	cut flowers.
Carter, J. & Co.	. . . . .	envelopes.
Clement, Mr.	. . . . .	clothing.
Curtis Davis & Co.	. . . . .	soap.
Cheney, Upham & Co.	. . . . .	evergreen.
Dwinell, Hayward & Co.	. . . . .	coffee.
Dunbar, D. A.	. . . . .	2 turkeys.
Dana, Mr.	. . . . .	remnants (2 lots).
Dame, Stoddard & Kendall	. . . . .	1 call bell.
Davis, Curtis & Co.	. . . . .	box soap.

Dennison Manfg. Co.	. . .	stationery.
Dutton, Dr. S.	. . .	clothing.
Dodge, Haley & Co.	. . .	spring.
Dover Stamping Co.	. . .	3 sauce pans.
Dexter Bros.	. . .	paint (2 lots).
Dalton, C. F.	. . .	tea and coffee.
Demain, W. C.	. . .	ruling register book.
Dwinell, J. F.	. . .	25 lbs. coffee.
Eames, Daisy (6 years old)	. . .	scrapbook.
Friend	. . .	clothing, shoes, etc.
Fargie, J. & Son	. . .	2 horse blankets.
Fowle, Hibbard & Co.	. . .	2 bags beans.
Frothingham, W. B.	. . .	clothing, toys, etc.
French, W. C.	. . .	1 cot bed.
Florence Machine Co.	. . .	1 oilstone.
Fishley, E. E.	. . .	electrotype form.
Farley, Harvey & Co.	. . .	dress goods.
Fletcher, J. V. & Son	. . .	beef.
Gray, Peter	. . .	3 lanterns, brass oiler.
Gay, Albert	. . .	clothing, soap, box raisins, etc.
Gross, Miss	. . .	clothing.
Graham, A. F.	. . .	cutlery.
Graham Bros., Jersey City, N. J.	. . .	printing billheads, etc.
Gibson, A.	. . .	lot canned goods.
Gilchrist, John	. . .	1 piece crash.
Greenough, W. S.	. . .	2 bottles ink.
Goodnow & Wightman	. . .	1 rake and saw.
Gay, A. R. & Co.	. . .	1 cash book.
Goldthwaite, J.	. . .	oilcloth.
Gould, Cutler & Co.	. . .	paint.
Gordon, Miss	. . .	bbl. apples.
Gordon, Rev. A. J.	. . .	1 turkey.
Harris, W. G.	. . .	oilcloth, cocoa matting.
Houghton & Dutton	. . .	goods (2 lots).
Hill & Langtry	. . .	horse blanket, surcingle, pad, brush, etc.
Hyde, Wheeler & Co.	. . .	turkey.
Holman, J. & Co.	. . .	half dozen quilts.
Hervey, W. H. & Co.	. . .	2 rugs.

Hooper, Lewis & Co.	.	.	.	copying press and book.
Hastings, Rev. H. L.	.	.	.	books.
Hamlin, E. S.	.	.	.	clothing.
Howard, Dr.	.	.	.	clothing.
Hall, W. H.	.	.	.	1 cot bed.
Hapgood, Mrs.	.	.	.	clothing
Hovey, C. H. & Co.	.	.	.	tub butter.
Hollis & Gunn	.	.	.	printing register.
Hyde, G. E.	.	.	.	carpet.
Harrison, Aldrich & Co.	.	.	.	bag beans.
Hartley, H. A. & Co.	.	.	.	oil cloth.
Holmes Co. The	.	.	.	bbl. soap, clothing, flannel, etc.
Howard Watch Co.	.	.	.	1 clock.
Hill & Golden	.	.	.	lot nuts.
Hall & Cole	.	.	.	box cranberries.
Jones, C. L. & Co.	.	.	.	box soap (2 lots).
Jordan, Marsh & Co.	.	.	.	1 piece sheeting, 1 piece cotton.
Jameson, C. B.	.	.	.	clothing.
Jones, R. S.	.	.	.	binding register book.
Johnson, E. C.	.	.	.	2 pieces crash.
Kelly, E. S.	.	.	.	clothing, hats, boots, etc.
Kendall, C. S. & Co.	.	.	.	lot paper.
King & Merrill	.	.	.	stationery, paper for register, journal, etc.
Kelly, S. F.	.	.	.	molasses.
Kramer, Mr.	.	.	.	remnants.
Kimball, W. B.	.	.	.	1 horse cover.
Lowe, L. J.	.	.	.	clothing.
Lane, Hon. J. A.	.	.	.	clothing (3 lots).
Lakin, George	.	.	.	clothing, Christmas tree, etc.
Lindsay, E. J.	.	.	.	pies for Christmas.
Lalace & Grosjean	.	.	.	coffee pot.
Libey, G. R. & Co.	.	.	.	cashbook.
Lowe, L. G.	.	.	.	bbl. flour.
Locke, J.	.	.	.	box fruit.
Lowell, W. D. & Son	.	.	.	evergreen for Christmas.
Lawrence, H. L. & Co.	.	.	.	1 turkey.

Mills, F. T.	clothing.
McKenzie, E. P.	clothing.
Moody, E. C. & Co.	bbl. sugar.
Moore, B. F.	clothing.
Mudge, A. & Son	office paper.
McAdams & Hall	cashbook.
Mills, Rev. E., Baptist Church, Franklin, Mass.	cut flowers.
Parker House	pies.
Novelty Clothing Co.	2 lots clothing.
Newell, T. C. & Co.	2 lots toys.
North Packing & Provision Co.	tub lard.
Neville, G. A.	clothing.
Osgood, J. H. & Co.	rollers for printing press.
O'Callahan, T. & Co.	carpet.
Osgood, C. E. & Co.	oilcloth.
Pierce, S. S.	groceries, flour, etc.
Pope, A. A.	type writer.
Pitkin, Mrs.	clothing.
Page, A.	horse blanket and sur- cingle.
Priest, Mr.	soap.
Parker & Wood	ax handle and hatchet, 4 horse combs.
Parthermuller, F.	reseating chair.
Paul, J. F. & Co.	bed slats (2 lots).
Palmer, Mr.	envelopes and paper.
Pitkin, J. S.	trunk of clothing, 1 piece sheeting.
Putnam, Mrs. A. P.	clothing.
Porteous, Mrs. J.	clothing, books, etc.
Paine, J. S.	1 folding bed.
Plimpton & Co.	carpet.
Pierce, H. B.	box starch.
Prang, L. & Co.	Christmas cards.
Patch, A. G. & Co.	Christmas trees.
Robinson & Woodworth	tea.
Robbins, Nathan	turkey.
Reed, C. G.	pair wheels.
Rogers, C. A.	box salt, buckwheat, clothing, etc.

Rockland & Churchill	.	.	.	programmes.
Reynolds, J. H.	.	.	.	clothing.
Robinson, C. W. & Co.	.	.	.	carpet.
Raymond, G. P.	.	.	.	loan of costumes.
Robinson, G. E. & Co.	.	.	.	1 turkey.
Robbins, N.	.	.	.	1 turkey.
Quincey, G. H.	.	.	.	box oranges, cranberries, apples, Christmas cards.
Stowell, Mrs. A.	.	.	.	teaspoons.
Spofford, P. A.	.	.	.	lap robe.
Sabin, C. W.	.	.	.	horse blanket, surcingle, horse blanket
Sias, Chas. D.	.	.	.	coffee.
Swan, Newton & Co.	.	.	.	turkey.
Squire, Jos. & Co.	.	.	.	ham.
Somerby, C. H.	.	.	.	turkey, ham, etc.
Shourds, C. F. & Co.	.	.	.	feather duster.
Seavy & Co.	.	.	.	spoons.
Sammet, G. W. & Son	.	.	.	2 mattresses.
Smith, Mr.	.	.	.	toys for Christmas.
St. Louis Stamping Co.	.	.	.	coffee pot.
Shepard, Norwell & Co.	.	.	.	2 dozen white spreads, 1 piece cotton, remnants.
Slocomb, E. E.	.	.	.	office paper.
Shapleigh, J. W. R.	.	.	.	coffee.
Simpson & McIntyre	.	.	.	tub butter.
Spaulding, J. J.	.	.	.	clothing.
Sawyer, S. J.	.	.	.	clothing.
Spencer, S. M.	.	.	.	stamp and pad.
Smith Bros.	.	.	.	carpet.
Sanford, G. A.	.	.	.	stamping register book.
Standard Vinegar Co.	.	.	.	1 bbl. vinegar.
Thomas, J. B.	.	.	.	1 bbl. sugar.
Tremont House	.	.	.	pies for Christmas.
Trull, J. (Heirs of)	.	.	.	clothing.
Trull, Dr. W. B.	.	.	.	several lots of clothing, books, etc.
Taylor & Co.	.	.	.	several lots of bread.
Usher, S.	.	.	.	printing flyers.
Vinal, J. W.	.	.	.	cutlery.

Washburn, Rev. W.	clothing.
Williams, Mr.	crockery (2 lots).
Williams, M.	turkey.
Weeks & Potter	tonic.
White, R. H.	remnants.
Warren, M. C. & Co.	1 saw.
Woodward, F. E.	4 coal hods.
Winslow, Rand & Watson	tea.
Wood, Thos. & Co.	coffee.
Whiting, J. L. & Co.	4 horse brushes.
Whitemore, J. M. & Co.	pears for Christmas.
Winkley, Dresser & Co.	envelopes, office books, etc.
Ward, S. C.	stationery.
West End S. R. R. Co.	350 tickets.
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	2 gals. varnish, 1 brush.
Washburn, Mrs.	clothing.
Willard, Miss	clothing.
Waldron, Rev. D. W.	Easter cards, and horse car tickets.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Boston Industrial Home the sum of . . . dollars, for the purposes for which the Institution is established: which is, to furnish a temporary home, with its comforts, to those destitute of friends, money, and out of employment; also, the reformation of the intemperate, etc.

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